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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICO

REFTEL: MEXICO 06950

1. AMBASSADOR YEUTTER OF STR IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING
CONSULTATIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTL. AN INTERAGENCY TEAM
MADE UP OF STATE, AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE, TREASURY AND LABOR
WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH THE MEXICANS. WE SUGGEST
SEPTEMBER 3-4 IN KEEPING WITH AN AGREEMENT TO MEET THE FIRST
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WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. SEPTEMBER 1 IS LEGAL HOLIDAY HERE.

2. FEELINGS HERE ON AGENDA ARE FLEXIBLE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE MEXICAN REACTION AND COMMENTS TO FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

(A) SUGGEST FIRST DAY BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MTN ISSUES. INCLUDING STATUS OF THE WORK ON THE MTN BASED ON EXPERIENCE WITH SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS, THE MOST PRODUCTIVE APPROACH WOULD BE THEN TO FOCUS ON A FEW SPECIFIC ASPECTS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GOM'S SUGGESTIONS RE DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LDCS PER REFTEL. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OTHER AREAS WHICH GOM WOULD FOCUS ON OR WOULD LIKE USG TO DISCUSS.

(B) SECOND DAY, WITH US DEL TO BE COCHAIRER BY STATE (SCHMIDT) AND STR (LANDE) WOULD BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS OF MTN RELATED ISSUES. ON U.S. SIDE WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF GOM IMPORT LICENSING SCHEME, AS WELL AS NEW TARIFF REGIME AND OFFICIAL PRICING. IN RESPONSE TO GOM-STATED DESIRE DURING RECENT MEXICO CITY CONSULTATIONS, USG WILLING TO DISCUSS GSP. HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS WE ARE AWARE OF GOM NEEDS AND ARE ALREADY TAKING THESE VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR PRE-IMPLEMENTATION DELIBERATIONS WE ARE NOT SURE THAT FURTHER TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME. ROBINSON

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